

DEMAND No. 32—(53) *Ports and Pilotage*

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 18,22,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’, be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year for the period ending 31st day of March 1973, in respect of Demand No. 32, ‘Ports and Pilotage.’”

DEMAND No. 47—(101)—*Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes.*

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 42,00,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’, be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year for the period ending 31st day of March 1973, in respect of Demand No. 47, ‘Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes’.”

DEMAND No. 48—(103) *Capital Outlay on Public Works.*

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 4,00,71,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’, be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year for the period ending 31st day of March 1973, in respect of Demand No. 48—‘Capital Outlay on Public Works.’”

DEMAND No. 50—(110). *Capital Outlay on Ports.*

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 35,00,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’, be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year for the period ending 31st day of March 1973 in respect of Demand No. 50, Capital Outlay on Ports.”

Calling Attention Notice to Matters of Urgent Public Importance.

(i) *re: Police firing in Shahu Park, near Raibag.*

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Hon’ble Chief Minister to the Police firing at Shahu Park, near Raibag, Belgaum District.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I State as follows :—

It is reported that on 24th June 1972 at 20.00 hours, two Excise Sub-Inspectors contacted the Circle Police Inspector, Athani, camping at Raibag and the Police Sub-Inspector, Raibag and requested for assistance

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for the excise raid, as they had information about the large scale illicit distillation and storage of illicit liquor at Shahu Park three miles from Raibag (Belgaum District) and they apprehended danger from Chikalgars and Ghantichors who live in that area and who are known to be notorious and dangerous people. At 23.00 hrs. the Circle Police Inspector, Athani and the Police Sub-Inspector, Raibag along with one Head Constable, six Police Constables as also two Excise Sub-Inspectors along with a party of six Jawans and four men of the excise contractor went in three jeeps, belonging to the Police, Excise and the Contractor and conducted a raid at Shahu Park. During the excise raid, they seized 47 bottles of illicit liquor and destroyed more than 2000 litres of wash. They also arrested five persons in this raid.

It is further reported that all of a sudden; nearly 200 Chikalgars and Ghantichors including women folk started pelting stones at the raiding party. They surrounded and attacked the Excise Sub-Inspector Merwade and Excise Constable Burud with stones and sticks. A section of the crowd also attacked and damaged with stones and sticks the jeeps of the raiding party and as a result the wind screens of the jeeps of the Police and contractor were smashed and the vehicles sustained substantial damages worth Rs. 800 approximately. The crowd did not heed the request and warning of the Police party. A section of the crowd also tried to snatch the revolver of the Police Sub-Inspector. In order to save the Excise Sub-Inspector and Excise Constable who had been badly beaten by the crowd and also to defend themselves from the crowd who were indulging in throwing stones and sticks and injuring the Police and Excise party, the Police Sub-Inspector, Raibag, fired two rounds with his revolver in the air under instructions of the Circle Police Inspector, Athani, one Police Constable fired 3 rounds with his '410 Musket. As a result of the Police firing one Sri Manohar aged 30 years, received bullet injury on his right thigh. After this the crowd started running. A case in Crm. No. 18/72 under sections 143, 147, 148, 353 436 IPC has been registered at Raibag Police Station against 114 persons of whom the names of 11 persons are known and the names of the remaining 100 persons are not known. 14 persons have been arrested so far in this connection apart from the five persons arrested in connection with the excise offences.

Sri Manohar who received bullet injury in his thigh has been treated at Raibag hospital and is being removed to the Civil Hospital, Belgaum for further treatment. He is declared to be out of danger. Excise Sub-Inspector Sri Merwade and Excise Constable Sri Burud who received serious injuries in the attack by the crowd have been admitted as in-patients at Raibag hospital. They are also said to be out of danger. The Circle Police Inspector, Athani, the Sub-Inspector of Excise, one Police Head Constable, six Police Constables, three Excise Constables and two of the Contractor's men who received simple injuries due to stone throwing by the crowd have been treated as out-patients.